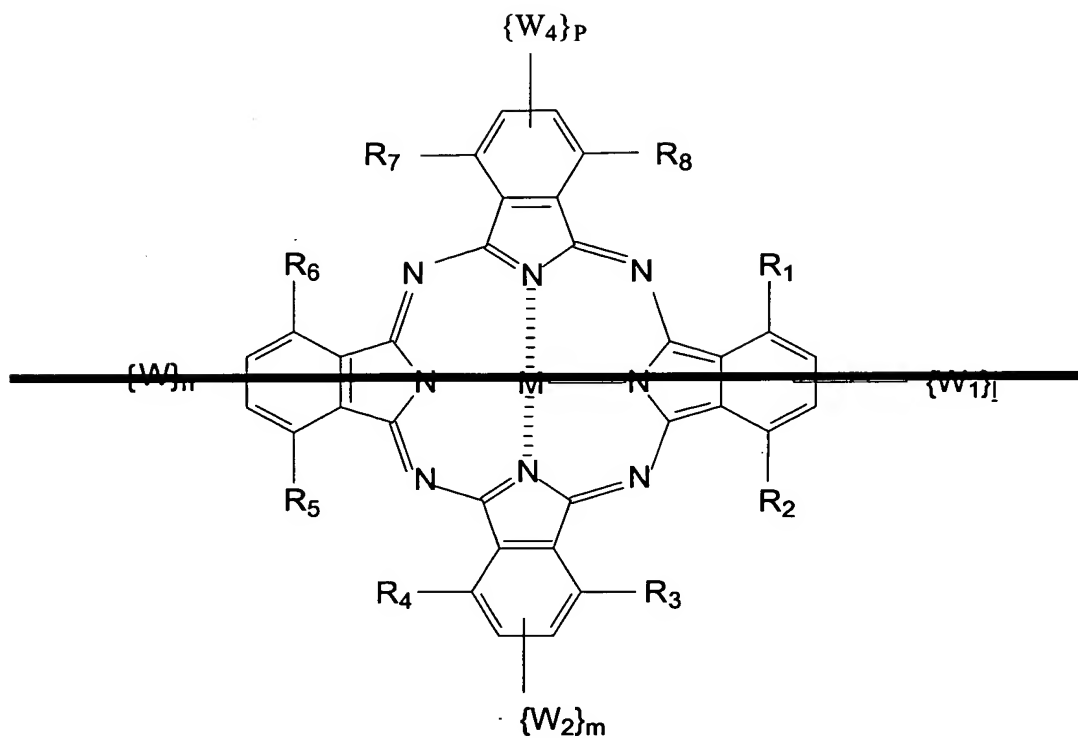
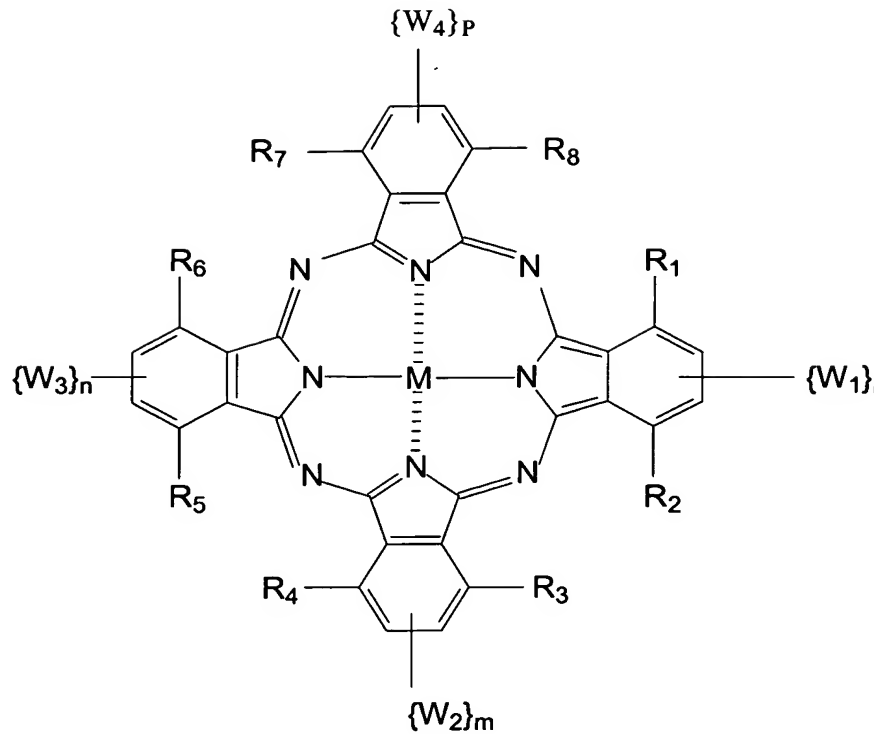


Kindly replace Formula (I) at page 13, with the following Formula (I):





Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 11, with the following amended paragraph:

The ink jet recording method has been abruptly spread and is further growing because the material cost is low, high-speed recording can be obtained, noises are less generated at the recording and color recording is easy. The ink jet recording method includes a continuous system of continuously jetting out a liquid droplet and an on-demand system of jetting out a liquid droplet according to image information signals, and the ejection system ~~therefor~~ therefore includes a system of ejecting a liquid droplet by generating bubbles in ink using heat, a system of using an ultrasonic wave, and a system of ejecting a liquid droplet by suction using an electrostatic force. The ink used for ink jetting includes an aqueous ink, an oily ink and a solid (fusion-type) ink.

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 101, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

Examples of the fungicide include sodium dehydroacetate, sodium benzoate, sodium pyridinethione-1-oxide, ethyl ~~p-hydroxybenzate~~ p-hydroxybenzoate, 1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one and salts thereof. The fungicide is preferably used in the ink in an amount of 0.02 to 1.00 wt%.

Kindly replace the paragraph bridging pages 109 and 110, with the following amended paragraph:

The recording paper and recording film used in the ink jet printing using the ink of the present invention are described below. The support which can be used for the recording paper or film is produced, for example, from a chemical pulp such as LBKP and NBKP, a mechanical pulp such as GP, PGW, RMP, TMP, CTMP, CMP and CGP, a waste paper pulp such as DIP, or the like by mixing, if desired, additives such as conventionally known pigment, binder, sizing agent, fixing agent, cation agent and paper strength increasing agent and then sheeting the mixture using various devices such as Fourdrinier paper machine and cylinder paper machine. Other than this support, synthetic paper or plastic film may be used. ~~[[Th]]~~ The thickness of the support is preferably from 10 to 250  $\mu\text{m}$  and the basis weight is preferably from 10 to 250  $\text{g/m}^2$ . An ink-accepting layer (i.e., ink-receiving layer) and a backcoat layer may be provided on the support as it is or may be provided after providing a size press or anchor coat layer using starch, polyvinyl alcohol and the like. The support may also be subjected to a flattening treatment (e.g., smoothing

treatment) by a calendering device such as machine calender, TG calender and soft calender. In the present invention, the support is preferably paper or plastic film of which both surfaces are laminated with polyolefin (for example, polyethylene, polystyrene, polyethylene terephthalate, polybutene or a copolymer thereof). In the polyolefin, a white pigment (for example, titanium oxide or zinc oxide) or a tinting dye (for example, cobalt blue, ultramarine or neodymium oxide) is preferably added.